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Expedited Procedure - Group 3624

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Ella Colbert
FUMIAKI ITO, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 08/863,047)
: Filed: May 23, 1997)
: For: DOCUMENT PROCESSING)
: METHOD, SYSTEM AND)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, which is being filed with a Request For Continued Examination, is in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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